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(Natural Resource related items)

- **Annual Presentation/Luncheon.** The Natural Resources Department held their annual luncheon and program at the Gathering Grounds on Saturday. The event gives this large department the opportunity to showcase the various programs being accomplished for the tribe.

(Public Safety/Court related items)

- **Members Assistance Services available.** Mary Witkop, Attorney has opened the doors for a new Members Legal Assistance Office. Her office is at the Justice Center and she may be reached at 231.398.2234. Also visit her website which you can find at www.lrboi.com under the Justice Department or Legal Services.

(Cultural related items)

- **Library Program by Tribe.** The Manistee County Library system wrapped up their Summer Reading program and complemented the tribal participation by saying in a News Advocate article that, *“Something else that was very popular was the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians who came and talked about their culture and Indian legends such as how the turtle got his hard shell and how Sleeping Bear Dunes came about.”* This presentation was organized through the tribal Historical Department.
- **Birch Bark Canoe Building Workshop** August 20-24, 2007 **from** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Location: Gathering Grounds (corner of US 31 and M-22, across from Casino) 12 slots available for ages 13-18 on a first come first served basis Call Stephanie Chau at 231-398-6717 to sign up or if you have any questions

(General area items)

- **Manistee Ducks Unlimited moves banquet.** The group moved their annual banquet to the County Fairgrounds because of the tribal member commercial fishing operation. They reported that they could not get people to go to the casino. The group recently came out in political statement against tribal fishing. The national organization (Ducks Unlimited) has censured the Manistee group for their action.
- **Michigan Association of Counties.** Council Member Shannon Crampton and Ogema Larry Romanelli attended the MAC meeting on August 20th in Grand Rapids. Crampton took part in a panel on Tribal Agreements and Relationships with (MI) Counties. LRBOI was the only tribe participating in the conference and a large group of County Administrators and Commissioners gathered to hear about these important relationships.

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(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Employee Appreciation Dinner.** The Employee Recognition Dinner was held Thursday at the Three Fires Conference Center. All of the recipients and their spouses/partners were invited to the dinner along with the directors who led this program. The entire Employee Recognition program was funded by non-tribal funds raised from bake sales, auctions and other events. Ogema Romanelli attended and thanked the employees for their hard work. He also thanked the directors who created and run the program.

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